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Alfalfa Seed Acres Down 23 Percent

Producers in Idaho harvested 8,500 acres of alfalfa seed in 2010, down 23 percent from the 2009 crop, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield, on a clean basis, was 960 pounds per harvested acre in 2010, up 30 percent from the previous year. Production for 2010 totaled 8.16 million pounds, a slight increase from 2009 crop. The average price received by growers for the 2010 crop decreased \$8 per hundredweight from the previous year to \$199 per hundredweight, resulting in a farm level value of production of \$16.2 million.

Harvested acreage of red clover seed in Idaho totaled 1,600 acres during 2010, up 600 acres from 2009. Average clean yield was 600 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from the previous year. Production for 2010 totaled 960,000 pounds, up 75 percent from 2009. The average price received by growers for the 2010 crop was \$165 per hundredweight, down \$26 per hundredweight from 2009. This resulted in a farm level value of production of \$1.58 million. This survey was completed in cooperation with the Idaho Alfalfa and Clover Seed Commission.

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